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HOW TO SELECT AN INTERNESHIP

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As medical students enter their senior year two thoughts are uppermost in their minds; first, how to get the most out of the senior year and how, at its end, to be sure of the coveted M. D. degree; and, second, what to do for the first year or two after graduation. It is about the second part of this last sentence that I am going to make some suggestions.

There should be but one answer to the query how to spend the time immediately after graduation, and that is as a house-officer or interne in a hospital. An exception to this might be made for the man who definitely plans on a career in medicine in no way involving the practice of the profession in any of its phases. In the first place the majority of medical schools today, and certainly the best ones, do not plan their curriculum with the idea that a man is graduated ready to practice any branch of the profession, but only ready to take the next step in his education, namely, practical work as an interne or house-officer. In the second place, some States require an interneship before a man is eligible for admission to examinations for registration in medicine.

In selecting a hospital to which to apply for appointment on the resident staff students have various things in mind. Some need ready cash and consider mainly the monetary return. In general it is a safe rule to think that individuals and institutions get all that is possible for the least expenditure of money. Hospitals do not differ from individuals and other institutions in this respect. Those that pay internes probably do so because they are unable to get them without salary which is another way of saying that they do not offer internes any adequate educational quid pro quo. Those that offer no salary probably do so because they offer other desirable features which actually attract internes and they do not have to spend money to get them. So be cautious of the hospital that offers salaries to internes.

Some select a hospital for interneship in order to make contacts with men in places where they hope to enter into practice. This is justifiable provided it does not mean going to an inferior hospital. Some select a hospital elsewhere than the place of their medical education for the broadening influence of working with a new group of men in a different atmosphere. This is commendatory provided the hospital is as good, or better.

Some select a hospital because they believe it to be the very best hospital that there is for an interneship; because in it they will learn the greatest amount about the practice of medicine. The educational opportunity of the hospital

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The Hall of Fame

DR. HENRY A. CHRISTIAN (Nu)
Prof. Theo. & Prac. Physic., Harvard Medical School.

Chapter National nominates Dr. Henry A. Christian, because of his great interest in the training of medical men; because of his contributions to the science of medicine; and because of his interest in Phi Rho Sigma as a national organization.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Warren T. Vaughan, Zeta

Too few Phi Rhos, particularly among the members of active chapters, recognize the great potential value of the corresponding secretary. None would question that the chapter president is the most important local official. And lucky is the chapter whose destinies for the year are directed by a president and associated officers who have acquired a vision of the true significance of Phi Rho Sigma.

Among the active members of any local chapter those who have been so fortunate as to attend a meeting of the Grand Chapter must have the clearest vision of the possibilities in Phi Rho development, both locally and as a national organization. Each of these men must count himself a missionary to his home chapter. For successful liason between the local subdivision and the fraternity as a whole, the corresponding secretary must bear the entire burden. If he has been a delegate to the Grand Chapter, he must, as a consequence, be a better corresponding secretary.

On the other hand, many a man, good loyal Phi Rho at that, will attend the national meeting, return fired with enthusiasm, and within a few short weeks, through pure inertia (always explained as due to press of school work), procrastinate, and at the end of the school year find that he has accomplished nothing for the expansion of the fraternity either locally or nationally.

We may say without fear of contradiction, that a corresponding secretary may make or break a local chapter in the esteem of sister chapters and of the Chapter National. Take two good active Phi Rho organizations, one with a secretary who is willing to use the half-hour once or twice each month required to keep up his correspondence with the Central Office, and the other, who is always planning on the morrow which never comes. Both organizations are working satisfactorily locally, and are, let us say, at the head of the fraternity list scholastically and otherwise. Who outside of the locality is to know of this if not so informed?

The secretary of the second good chapter, always procrastinating albeit with good intent, at each regular meeting finds

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"An editor must be something of a preacher, something of a teacher, something of an autocrat."

A WORD TO SENIORS

Relatively, a good deal of space in this issue has been devoted to the question of interneships. This is because it is time for our seniors to begin thinking about where they wish to do their service. Dr. Christian has covered in an excellent fashion the subject of how to select the hospital. Every undergraduate should read this carefully and follow the advice given. Begin to plan now on getting an interneship in a real medical center under a competent staff where you can round out the preliminary training you have had in your medical course. Beware of the hospital which pays a small sum for the privilege of exploiting you! Beware of the hospital whose staff are not trained and willing teachers! Remember that time is your greatest asset and so do not waste it on an interneship which does not give you the best of training.

THE DIRECTORY

When your blank reaches you from Central Office asking for "Who's Who" data upon yourself, please fill the blank out at once and return it. This is a big undertaking for the force who must shoulder the task. Let us, therefore, spare them the job of following us up and let them spend their time and money on the chase of the Frater who is really lost to Phi Rho Sigma.

DOLLAR STUDENT LOAN FUND

Ralph Elliott's student loan fund is making a hit with the Alumni. This month we are publishing three typical letters from the many at hand. Next month we shall publish a list of stockholders and of course your name will be there.

"Student loan fund. It has been some time since I have thought of what a nice thing that would be. Enclosed find my dollar." Robert M. Graham, Chicago.

"This dollar plan appeals to me as it is not excessive and will scatter the burden. I hope the other 5000 Alumni will come thru." James C. Carter, NU, Indianapolis.

"The article in the May issue of THE JOURNAL regarding the dollar student loan fund interested me very much. It is only a mite from each of us, and if we all contribute, will establish a splendid fund for a really worth while purpose. I hope that all Phi Rhos will come across," James J. Hogan, Epsilon, Ashtabula, O.

The following is a list of "Stockholders" in the DOLLAR STUDENT FUND, of record October 1, 1924:

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Webb P. Chamberlain (Kappa).
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THE DAYTON MEDICAL CHAUTAUQUA

Eight years ago, for the first time the Chautauqua idea was applied to medical assemblages at Dayton, Ohio. At the meeting this year, Phi Rho Sigma was represented by two of the lecturers. Dr. Clifford G. Grulee, ALPHA, Associate Professor of Medicine at Rush (in Ped.), and Dr. Frank Smithies, ZETA, Professor of Medicine in the University of Illinois, were our men who contributed a great deal towards the success of this meeting.

A new use for prescription blanks; attach to one of yours a dollar bill, mark Dollar Student Loan Fund, and forward to the Treasurer.

OMEGA BUYS A HOME

On the 24th of September, the Omega Chapter moved into its own home at 1520 Neil Avenue. The House Company of the Columbus Alumni Chapter and Omega had on hand sufficient to make the necessary down payment and terms have been so arranged that the Chapter can finance the proposition without further Alumni help. While this is a much better home than Omega has ever been able to rent, it is the purpose of Omega and her Alumni to continue working the Christy plan so that some day the chapter may own a bigger and better home. In the meantime the Chapter has taken a distinct step forward and taken it in a safe conservative fashion. Russell Means, Link Murphy, Ed Hamilton, E. J. Gordon and the Alumni Chapter have been working on this problem all Summer and have spent a great deal of time looking at every available house in the University District. Omega is fortunate in having such a group of Alumni who not only are willing to work but who really know real estate values. With the Medical School moving onto the campus this Fall, it is certainly the opportunity for Omega to move into a home of her own.

ALUMNI

IOTA: Dr. Clyde Undine of Minneapolis, a member of the Iota Chapter, has returned from the East after visiting the hospitals in New York, Boston and Montreal.

LAMBDA-PHI: Paul M. Albright is located at Newberry, Pa.

OMEGA: Health conditions in his family make it necessary to change to different altitude and climate. Consequently Walton Forest Dutton has resigned his position in the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and is now located in Amarillo, Texas, with offices in the Blackburn Building.

PSI: William Davis, former Assistant Surgeon, United States Navy, stationed at Quantico with the Marines, dropped in the Editor's office the other day. Bill is now two times a father.

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HOSPITAL CHART

(These are the Hospitals that answered our letters in regard to interneships)

Name of Hospital	Location	No. of beds	Examination or Appointment	Apply to	Length of Service	Rotating or Straight	Apply in	Salary	Rmks
Los Angeles General	Los Angeles, Cal.,	1283	Examination	Dr. N. N. Wood	1 to 2 yrs.	Rotating	Usually Nov.	$20 a month	1
Lane	San Francisco, Cal.,	250	Appointment	Dean, Stanford Med. Sch.	1 year	Rotating	Fall		2
Mt. Zion	San Francisco, Cal.,	168	Appointment	Dr. Louis Bernheim	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$25 a month	
St. Francis	San Francisco, Cal.,	325		J. J. O'Connor	1 year	Rotating	Fall		
Children's	San Francisco, Cal.,	275	Appointment	Dr. J. B. Cutter	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$10 a month	
Franklin	San Francisco, Cal.,	105	Appointment	Medical Director	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$50 a month	
Southern Pacific Co.,	San Francisco, Cal.,	250	Appointment	Dr. F. K. Ainsworth	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$30 a month	3
French	San Francisco, Cal.,	200	Appointment	Superintendent	1 year	Rotating	Fall		4
St. Luke's	San Francisco, Cal.,	150		Dr. L. S. Schmitt	1 year	Rotating	Fall		5
San Francisco	San Francisco, Cal.,	1004	Appointment	Dr. E. B. Frick	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$10 a month	6
St. Mary's	San Francisco, Cal.,	187	Appointment	Superintendent	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$25 a month	
Vancouver General	Vancouver, B. C.,	945	Appointment	Dr. F. C. Bell	1 year		Fall		7
New Haven	New Haven, Conn.,	260	Appointment	W. C. Rappleye	1 year		Fall		
Grady	Atlanta, Ga.,	200	Appointment	Dr. G. W. Quillian, 632 Peachtree St.	2 years	Rotating	Fall	$15 a month	
Michael Reese	Chicago, Ill.,	781		Dr. Herman Smith	18-24 mos.	Rotating	Fall		8
Cook County	Chicago, Ill.,	2500	Examination		1 year	Rotating			9
Indianapolis City	Indianapolis, Ind.,	450	Examination	Dr. C. A. Nafe	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$12.50 a month	10
Iowa Methodist	Des Moines, Ia.	250	Appointment	Supt. C. C. Hurin	1 year		Jan. Apr. Oct.		
University	Iowa City, Ia.	638	Appointment	Dr. B. W. Caldwell	1 year	Straight	Fall	$125 a year	11
Louisville City	Louisville, Ky.	400	Examination	Dean Stuart Graves	1 year		Fall		
Charity	New Orleans, La.,	1219	Appointment	Dr. W. W. Leake	1 year		Fall		
Touro Infirmary	New Orleans, La.,	289	Appointment	Dr. J. D. Spelman	1 year		Fall		
Maryland General	Baltimore, Md.,	180	Appointment	Supt. G. C. Peck	1 year		Fall	Jrs., $10;Srs., $25	12
Johns Hopkins	Baltimore, Md.,	621	Appointment	Dr. W. J. Craig	1 year		Fall		13
Peter Bent Brigham	Boston, Mass.,	223	Examination	Dr. S. B. Howland	16 months		Fall		14
Boston City	Boston, Mass.,	1207	Examination	Dr. J. J. Dowling	1 year		Fall		15
Providence	Detroit, Mich.,	250	Appointment	Sister Olympia	1 year	Rotating	Fall		
The Grace	Detroit, Mich.,	350	Appointment	Dr. W. L. Babcock	1 year	Rotating	Fall	Srs., $25 mo.	
Herman Kiefer	Detroit, Mich.,	700	Appointment	Supt. G. E. Phillips	1 yr. or more	Straight		Res. Physicians Paid	16
Henry Ford	Detroit, Mich.,	150	Examination	Supt. W. L. Graham	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$125 a month	
St. Louis City	St. Louis, Mo.,	800	Examination	Dr. G. A. Jordon	1 year	Rotating	Dec. 15th	$25 a month	17
University	Omaha, Neb.,	130	Appointment	Dean I. S. Cutler	18 months	Rotating	Fall		
Nebraska Methodist	Omaha, Neb.,	208	Appointment	Dr. C. R. Kennedy	1 year	Rotating	Fall		
Clarkson-Memorial	Omaha, Neb.,	96	Appointment	Dr. W. H. Taylor	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$25 a month	
Newark City	Newark, N. J.,	500	Examination	Dr. E. H. Snavely	1 year		Fall	$25 a month	
Jersey City	Jersey City, N. J.,	581	Examination	Dr. John Nevin	18 months		Fall	$25 a month	
St. Luke's	New York City	403	Examination	Supt. G. F. Clover	1 ½ to 2 yrs.		Fall		
Lenox Hill	New York City	314	Examination	Dr. G. F. Sauer	2 years		Fall		
Mt. Sinai	New York City	650	Examination	Dr. S. S. Goldwater	2 years	12, St. 4, Rotatg.	Fall		18
City	Welfare Island, New York City	1060	Examination	Dr. Wm. Steinach 131 E. 56th Street	2 years	Rotating	Feb.,		19
Metropolitan	New York City	1665	Appointment	Dr. W. H. Conley	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$25 a month	20
Bellevue	New York City	1680	Appointment	Dr. M. L. Fleming	12 to 18 mos.				21
Kings County	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	1830	Appointment	Dr. M. D. Jones	26 months		Fall		22
Buffalo City	Buffalo, N. Y.,	863	Appointment	Dr. W. S. Goodale	1 year		Fall	$25 a month	23
Buffalo General	Buffalo, N. Y.,	372	Examination	D. C. Smelzer	1 year		Fall		
Cincinnati General	Cincinnati, Ohio	850	Appointment	Dr. A. C. Bachmeyer	1 year		Jan. Apr. Oct.		
Grant	Columbus, Ohio	335	Appointment	Superintendent	1 year	Rotating		$50 a month	
University	Columbus, Ohio	110	Examination	Dr. V. A. Dodd			Fall		24
Charity	Cleveland, Ohio	290	Appointment	C. A. Hamann	1 year	Rotating	Fall		
St. Alexis	Cleveland, Ohio	250	Appointment	Dr. Richard Dexter	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$25 a month	
City	Cleveland, Ohio	800	Appointment	P. J. McMillin	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$10 mo. Seniors	25
Mt. Sinai	Cleveland, Ohio	250	Appointment	Supt. F. E. Chapman	1 year	Rotating	Fall		
St. Luke's	Cleveland, Ohio	175	Appointment	Superintendent	1 year	Rotating	Fall	$25 a month	
Lakeside	Cleveland, Ohio	289	Examination	Dr. C. D. Frost	1 year	Rotating	Fall		26
University	Philadelphia, Pa.,	456	Appointment		2 years				27
Allegheny General	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	405	Appointment	Supt. C. W. Zulauf	1 year		Fall		
Western Penn.	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	450	Appointment	Dr. C. S. Foster	1 year		Fall		
Rhode Island	Providence, R. I.,	525	Appointment	Dr. Niles Westcott	2 years		Dec. 1st.		
Baylor	Dallas, Texas	400	Appointment	Supt. J. B. Franklin	1 year		Fall	$25 a month	
Milwaukee County	Wauwatosa, Wis.	300	Examination	Supt. H. W. Sargeant	1 year		Feb.	$50 a month	28

1—Civil Service competitive—Splendid clinical material.—**2**—Teaching Hospital of Stanford University Medical School.—**3**—Medical and surgical services large. **4**—Valuable for surgery. Special pavilion for contagious diseases. **5**—All appointments made through University of California. **6**—Open chiefly to students of University of California, and Leland Stanford University, but to some others. **7**—Affiliated with Eastern Canadian Schools. **8**—Make applications to Dean of own schools before Feb. 5th. **9**—Open only to graduates of schools of Cook County. **10**—Teaching Hospital for University of Indiana. Only few selected from other schools. **11**—Selection for each service made by Chief of Service. **12**—Residencies available. **13**—With very few exceptions, open only to Johns Hopkins graduates. **14**—Competitive examination with Mass. General and Boston City Hospitals. Residencies available. **15**—Joint examination with Mass. General and Peter Bent Brigham Hospitals. Next examination, January 1925. **16**—Contagious hospital. Available for residencies only. **17**—Municipal hospital with rotating service, also in other institutions. **18**—Only unmarried accepted. **19**—Examinations held Feb. 12th. **20**—Positions for residents and assistant residents for those who have had one or more years hospital work. **21**—Open chiefly to graduates of Columbia, Cornell, and New York Universities. One division open to graduates of any class A school by competitive examination held usually between Xmas and New Year. **22**—Appointments made by personal application to Med. Board of City of New York—Dept., Public Welfare. **23**—Positions for residents and assistant residents for those who have had one or more years' hospital work. **24**—Teaching hospital. **25**—Teaching hospital residencies available. **26**—Teaching hospital. Residencies available. **27**—Open only to Seniors of University of Pennsylvania. **28**—Appointments made through Milwaukee County Civil Service Commission—Court House Annex—Milwaukee, Wis.

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interneship is the best criterion of its desirability, but how is the student to find out which is the best hospital for him from this point of view?

In the first place, size is no criterion of quality, for some very large hospitals do notoriously bad work. It is not the number of patients seen that counts but rather the patients thoroughly studied. Too many patients is a positive disadvantage. In the second place location, though important, is not a satisfactory criterion. Some small hospitals in small places have a staff of capable efficient men, who by frequent visits to medical centers and by diligent reading, keep fully abreast of the times.

The student needs to bear in mind that the chief end of an interneship is education in the application of medical knowledge to medical practice. To this end the most important criterion of a good hospital is a good staff, and that means well educated, well trained men who are keeping up with progress in medicine and who give a very considerable amount of time to the hospital with a willingness to teach the internes. Next, the type of service should not be too limited; as a minimal any satisfactory hospital should have both a medical and a surgical service and at first the interne should have one or the other of these services or a mixed service, even if later he is going to take up a specialty service. The hospital should not be too small; perhaps 100 beds may be regarded as the smallest allowable size and these beds should not all be for private patients. The hospital must have good laboratory facilities. It is preferable to get a service in a hospital in which the staff members teach in a medical school or give post-graduate instruction. Small town hospitals away from a medical school have many disadvantages as to interneships which, though not insurmountable, are but rarely surmounted.

The annual report of hospitals under contemplation will afford much information about them. Their size, an idea of their equipment, the presence of laboratories, the staff names, all may be found here. Further information about the staff members may be gotten from the American Medical Association Directory, where their place of graduation and membership in societies helps to identify them. A hospital with a resident staff composed of members above the grade of interne, in addition to internes, usually is a desirable hospital. No hospital with less than A rating by the American Medical Association or by the American College of Surgeons should receive any serious consideration.

Information as to the number of autopsies in ratio to the number of deaths gives a most excellent criterion of hospital staff efficiency. Any hospital with more than fifty deaths per annum with autopsy of over 25% of them is almost surely a desirable hospital for an interneship. All and all I suspect this is the best single criterion, though sad to say there are known to me some extremely good hospitals where not even a 25% efficiency in autopsies is maintained, and so it would not do to condemn all that do not reach this level.

If one could visit the several hospitals under consideration before a final decision is made, much information of greatest value would be obtained. If so, see it preferably with some of the internes rather than with staff members or superintendent. You will get more helpful information from the former than the latter.

In making a choice, perhaps these suggestions can be only partially followed out. However, having them in mind and giving them thoughtful consideration will help greatly in determining what is the best hospital for your interne service. Having determined that my advice would be: always seeks a service in the best or next best hospital, work to get it, and rather than go to an inferior hospital, wait for a service in a good hospital. There are many such hospitals in this country and there is no reason why at present every graduate of fair intelligence, who has been a diligent student, should not win an interneship in a really good hospital.

I have made no suggestions as to the desirability of a medical, a surgical or a mixed service. Many factors enter into that consideration. I think a specialty service, until a general service is completed, is undesirable. However, the most important thing is not the type of service but the quality of the men under whom you are to work.

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no difficulty in advancing an excuse for his negligence. Press of work. Some misunderstanding with the Central Office. If he enlarges upon the latter idea which really was advanced merely as an excuse for his own inertia, this is taken up for general discussion. It appears to grow in importance. An actual breach between the two offices results. The blame rests upon the shoulders of one man, who having sown the "hot air" of indifference and excuse, has reaped for his chapter the sirocco of accusation and counter accusation, of misunderstanding and hard feeling.

The new school year has just commenced. For the good of the order let each chapter of Phi Rho Sigma get behind its corresponding secretary and support him wholeheartedly if he is accomplishing his work, or depose him without delay if his other interests require too much of his time or absorb too much of his enthusiasm.

Book and Paper Reviews

The policy will be to build up a PHI RHO SIGMA *bibliography which will serve as an index of one phase of the contribution which our Fraternity is making to Medicine. Each member is requested to send in the title of each of his current publications. The Editor will also appreciate it if his attention is called to any books or papers by* PHI RHO SIGMA *men. With this help this section can be made very much worth while.*

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